

Charter Commission for Three Lakes Town Action Group

Preamble

In 1999, the State of Wisconsin enacted **WISCONSIN STATE STATUTES CHAPTER 66: GENERAL MUNICIPALITY LAW, 66.1001 Comprehensive Planning** requiring all municipalities to create, adopt and file by January 1, 2010 a Comprehensive Plan ("Plan") for growth and development. The law requires that specific programs or actions of a community must be consistent with the Plan that has been adopted. The Plan must cover nine elements: Issues & Opportunities; Natural, Agricultural & Cultural Resources; Housing; Transportation; Utilities & Community Facilities; Economic Development; Land Use; Intergovernmental Cooperation; and Implementation. The law requires that the Plan be locally developed with public participation and specifies that the Plan be adopted and ratified by the community's governmental unit.

Recognizing the need for the Town of Three Lakes to comply with the provisions of 66.1001, the Three Lakes Town Board has created a Community Planning Committee to prepare and complete a Plan for subsequent approval and adoption by the Town Board.

Recitals

1. The Three Lakes Town Board ("Board") in open session on July 17, 2007, appointed seventeen citizen-volunteers as charter members to the Three Lakes Community Planning Committee (Motion: Schwartz, Second: Hapka, Ayes 5, Noes 0 as recorded in the meeting minutes).
2. At the organizational meeting on July 17, the Board gave the Committee instructions to organize itself in a manner and fashion consistent with accomplishing the mission of completing a Plan on time and in accordance with 66.1001.
3. Since appointing the original seventeen citizen-volunteers, several of them have subsequently excused themselves from further participation, having not fully understood and/or not being willing to take on the responsibility of a two-year commission to assist in the creation of a Plan. Since the original Committee appointment on July 17, other citizen-volunteers have come forward to join the Committee.
4. The Three Lakes Community Planning Committee subsequently organized itself under the working name of Three Lakes Town Action Group, or Three Lakes TAG (TAG).
5. TAG has prepared and will operate under By-Laws adopted by its volunteer members. The By-Laws are consistent with the Board's instructions in 2 including, but not limited to, seeking third-party legal and/or financial assistance from other governmental entities and/or from the private sector in the final compilation of the Plan in legal document form.
6. The Board recognizes TAG as the evolution of the originally chartered Committee. TAG is an official, budgeted committee for the Town of Three Lakes, expected to operate independently and with all the same duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of every other Town-appointed commission or committee. The Town Board exercises the same level of control and oversight over TAG as over any other Town-appointed commission or committee.
7. The purpose of TAG has been and remains to oversee the preparation of the Plan, which includes long-range strategic and tactical planning elements for the future growth, stability and improvement of the Town of Three Lakes. Approval and adoption of the Plan is the responsibility of the Town Board, in accordance with 66.1001.
8. TAG will provide the Board with an annual budget which defines the financial commitment necessary for TAG to complete its chartered commission.

9. TAG volunteers require materials, data, documents, records and information ("Materials") as may be necessary to complete the Plan. Town Office staff will assist TAG volunteers as requested to obtain Materials and for other TAG related activities.


10. The Board recognizes that TAG's mission is a dynamic process which involves implementation of short-term tactical elements even as the long-term strategic elements of the Plan are being formulated. The Board will, in a timely manner, act upon reasonable recommendations from TAG to improve the infrastructure and quality of life in the community by approving and implementing TAG requests that are consistent with the completion of the Plan.

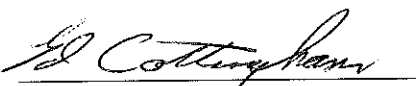
11. TAG will report twice monthly to the Board on progress and activities in open session or as requested in special meetings. Both verbal and written communication between TAG citizen-volunteers and Town Board Supervisors will be positive, mutually respectful, responsible, and will focus on public decorum and cooperation. As the time for mandated public town meetings draws near in 2009, the Board will meet with TAG to help shape the recommendations to be made to the citizens.

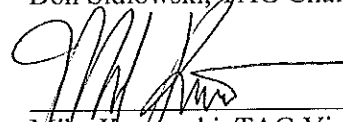
12. The very nature of TAG's commission entails that its citizen-volunteers, as well as members of the Board who support and back them, must constantly operate and communicate in the public at forums, meetings, conferences and other events and activities, more so than any other town committee. For TAG to be successful in its charter requires a positive atmosphere and support from not only the local citizenry but wider cooperation at the regional and state levels. In their mutual efforts towards successful completion of the Plan, it is recognized that both TAG citizen-volunteers and Town Board members are *de facto* ambassadors representing the Town of Three Lakes. As such, they are both subject to a code of conduct that is consistent with the objectives of the Plan and TAG's commission. Official TAG communications with the press and media, as well as routine reports to the Board, must all pass through TAG's Community Relations Officer (CRO) to ensure their consistency, accuracy and content. As defined in 11 herein, the Board will be informed of TAG interactions. Official Board communications with the press and media, if any, as related to TAG will be approved by action of the Board prior to release to ensure they accurately reflect the opinion of the entire board, and will be coordinated with the TAG CRO to ensure all parties are informed.

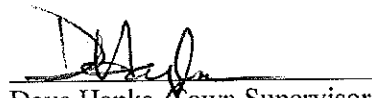
MOVED, ACTED UPON, AND ACCEPTED in open session of the Town Board of Three Lakes, Wisconsin on ^{April} ~~March~~ 18, 2008 by the following Town Supervisors and TAG Officers:


Warner Stebbeds, Town Chairman


Don Sidlowski, TAG Chairman



Ed Cottingham, Town Supervisor


Mike Kwaterski, TAG Vice-Chairman


Dave Hapka, Town Supervisor


Tom Rulseh, TAG Community Relations Officer


Frederick Schwartz, Town Supervisor


Cindy Starke, Town Supervisor